

State of the Schools Report 2008-09

The State of the Schools Report 2008-09 will be released to the public at 10:00 a.m. on October 5, 2009. It will include the Writing, Reading, Mathematics, Science and AYP results. Districts are reminded that the data on the State of the Schools Report preview is embargoed and cannot be released to the public or media until October 5th.

Note: Last week's NDE Bulletin announced that changes made to AYP decisions would be available on Friday. These updates were not made until Tuesday of this week. Please review your AYP decisions again.

School Mobility Rates on the State of the Schools Report

School mobility, reported on the State of the Schools Report, is now calculated from data in the NSSRS using this definition: "Any child who enters or leaves school between the last Friday in September and the last day of school is counted in the mobility rate. An individual child is counted only once. This number is divided by the K-12 enrollment taken on the last Friday in September."

To calculate the percentage of mobility by school that is now included on the 2008-09 State of the Schools Report, NDE used April 30 as a "uniform" last day of the school year. If you would like NDE to use your actual last day of school in these calculations for the 2008-09 school year, please send an email with the date (last day of school) and your district name and county-district school number to nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov with SCHOOL MOBILITY in the subject line by September 11. For the 2009-10 school year, NDE will collect the date of the last day of school in each district in the Consolidated Data Collections as part of the Year-end collection in June.

No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

The NCLB Consolidated Application will open in mid-September. The Title I, Part A allocations have been adjusted slightly for most districts since the U. S. Department of Education plans to allow States to reserve additional administrative funds for the new reporting requirements for ARRA. New pdf files will be posted by early next week.

America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

ARRA Title II, Part D Technology Competitive Grants

The application and timelines for the ARRA Title II, Part D Technology competitive grants will be available in October.

ARRA Reporting

All districts, ESUs and School Food Authorities (SFA) receiving ARRA funds must report the data required in Section 1512 of ARRA.

The initial request for information was an email survey to collect the DUNS number and the Congressional District number from all districts, ESU and SFA. If you have not already submitted this information, please do so as soon as possible. Email the two numbers to Ron.mowrey@nebraska.gov. As of today, there are still 63 agencies that need to submit their DUNS number.

A new document, [ARRA Section 1512 Reporting for the Jobs Accountability Act](http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/FAQ.html), provides information on the required ARRA reporting. It has been posted on the NDE ARRA website at: <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/FAQ.html>.

Upcoming ARRA Telecast

An **ARRA Section 1512 Report** will be broadcast on NET SAT Channel 105 (ST CH 04) at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time) on Tuesday, September 15, 2008. **The telecast will be no more than one hour.** For technical assistance contact the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426. The powerpoint presentation used in the telecast and the videos will be posted on the ARRA link on the NDE Homepage at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/index.html>. A DVD of the telecast will be sent to all ESUs following the broadcast. The telecast will cover the ARRA Section 1512 Report and other updates on ARRA funding and payments.

Nebraska Student and Staff Record System (NSSRS)

Curriculum Report

The 2009-2010 Appendix D Course Code list is now posted on this website <http://ess.nde.state.ne.us/DataCenter/DataCollections/> under the 2009-10 Curriculum Report. Please check as new courses have been added in the Industrial, Manufacturing & Engineering Systems subject area.

NSSRS Template Instructions Updated

The NSSRS Documents (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Documents.htm>) web page has been updated with new template instructions for both student (version 4.1.1) and staff (version 4.2.0), both dated September 1, 2009. The changes to student instructions are minor corrections but the changes to staff instructions involved removing codes that should have been removed when version 4.1.0 was published on August 13th. Please refer to the Change Summary in Appendix A of both documents for details.

Student instructions version 4.1.1, dated September 1, 2009

Version 4.1.1

1. APPENDIX B – List of Languages and Codes updates
 - a. The text “(includes Nuer)” removed from description for 3240 = Nilo-Saharan (Other). Code 6009 = Nuer should now be used.
 - b. The text “(includes Farsi)” removed from description for 3610 = Persian. 6027 = Farsi should now be used.

Staff instructions version 4.2.0, dated September 1, 2009

Version 4.2.0

1. Removed references to obsolete Position Assignment Code [Staff Assignment: Assignment Job Code (8)], which was removed in version 2.1.0.
2. Updated Appendix B to remove the following Assignment Codes.
 - a. 7-5160 Instructional Paraprofessional - Early Childhood Special Education
 - b. 9-5160 Instructional Paraprofessional - Title I Migrant Education
 - c. E-5160 Instructional Paraprofessional - ESL/LEP Federally Funded
 - d. F-5160 Instructional Paraprofessional - Other Federal Programs
 - e. S-5160 Instructional Paraprofessional - Special Education
3. Removed Special Program indicators and Data Validation Rules for instructional paraprofessionals from Assignment Code [Staff Assignment: Assignment Code (3)].
 - a. C - Community Learning Center
 - b. L - ELL/LEP/ESL District Funded
 - c. W - Title I School-wide

Additionally, the Guidance from the U. S. Department of Education on the new “AYP Cohort High School Graduation Rate” has been added to the NSSRS Documents page in the “Graduation Rate” section.

Reminders:

2010/11 Poverty Plan & 2010/11 Limited English Proficiency Plan

The 2010/11 Poverty and 2010/11 Limited English Proficiency Plans opened August 25, 2009 in the Grants Management System (GMS). The Plans are due to the Department of Education on or before October 10, 2009.

NSSRS Desktop Database for 2009-2010

Version 5.0 of the NSSRS Desktop Database is now available for download from the NSSRS Secured Information website, accessible via the NDE Portal. This version is compatible with NSSRS for 2009-2010 and is accompanied by an updated Quick Reference Guide.

NSSRS 2009-2010 Opened August 24

The NSSRS Fall 2009-2010 collection window opened August 24, 2009. Please note that only one superintendent approval is required after submissions are complete for all templates, both staff- and student-related, by October 30, 2009. The excerpt below is from the NSSRS Template Calendar (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Calendar.htm>).

Due September 15 and revisions accepted through **October 30, 2009**:

- Staff Snapshot (Snapshot Date = ‘2010-06-30’)
- Staff Assignment

Due October 15 and revisions accepted through **October 30, 2009**:

- Student
- Student Snapshot (Snapshot Date = ‘2009-10-01’)
- School Enrollment
- Special Education Snapshot (Snapshot Date = ‘2009-10-01’)
- Programs Fact: Early Childhood
- Signed assurance for Special Education